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In re Application of
F. Charles Brunicardi
Application No. 10/656,450
Filed: September 5, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 0023698.002US

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed November 6, 2007.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Mark J. Gatschet on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with this application.

All attorneys/agents associated with this application have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R. 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely respond to the outstanding Office action mailed July 25, 2007.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

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